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SUBJECT: INDIAN INTEREST IN LIBYAN OIL

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1. OFFICIAL LIBYAN PRESS SERVICE REPORT CONFIRMS THAT INDIAN DELG WHICH DEPARTED OVER WEEKEND HAD SIGNED AN AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH "THE INDIAN OIL CORPORATION WILL BUY QUANTITIES OF CRUDE OIL FROM THE SHARE OF THE NATIONAL OIL CORPORATION OF THE NATIONALIZED OIL ST SIDRA." NO FURTHER DETAILS GIVEN.

2. IF THIS IS ACCURATE THE OIL INVOLVED BELONGS TO THE NOC BY VIRTUE OF AN AGREEMENT LAST MONTH BETWEEN THE LARG AND THE OASIS OIL COMPANY, WHICH EXPORTS AT ES-SIDRA, AND THE OIL INVOLVED IS NOT HOT EXCEPT INSOFAR AS IT MAY CONSIST OF THE ONE-SIXTH SHARE OF SHELL IN OASIS.

3. A PRESS REPORT LAST WEEK INDICATED INDIA WILL SELL TEA IN EXCHANGE. AS TWO MILLION LIBYANS DO

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NOT DRINK MUCH TEA, ASSUME MORE IS INVOLVED, POSSIBLY

PAYMENTS TO INDIAN CONTRACTORS HERE AND TO VARIOUS
INDIAN ADVISERS AND TECHNICANS.
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